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1. DURING COMMONS QUESTION PERIOD OF DECEMBER 18, FOLLOWING EXCHANGE ON THE U.S.-CANADA AUTO PACT TOOK PLACE BETWEEN OPPOSITION MP HEES AND INDUSTRY, TRADE AND COMMERCE MINISTER JEMIESON:

2. HEES: "IS THE GOVERNMENT GIVING CONSIDERATION TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CANADA-UNITED STATES ECONOMIC COMMISSION TO DEAL WITH SWINGS IN THE BALANCE OF AUTOMOTIVE TRADE BETWEEN CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES AS BROUGHT ABOUT BY THE AUTO PACT, SUCH A COMMISSION HAVING BEEN RECOMMENDED BY THE AUTO PARTS MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION OF CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE?"

3. JAMIESON: "MR. SPEAKER, THIS MAY WELL TURN OUT TO BE THE NEXT STEP IN THE PROCESS WHICH IS ALREADY UNDERWAY. THE HON. MEMBER WILL RECALL THAT THE PRESIDENT AND THE PRIME MINISTER AGREED SOME MONTHS AGO TO SET UP A STUDY OF THE AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY FOR HIS INFORMATION AND FOR THAT OF THE HOUSE. MY OFFICIALS MET WITH THE AMERICAN OFFICIALS ABOUT A MONTH AGO AND

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AGREED TO INITIATE STUDIES IN PARALLEL. IN OTHER WORDS,

THERE IS A STUDY GOING ON IN THE AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY
IN THE UNITED STATES AND A SMILAR ONE GOING ON WITH
REGARD TO THE AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY IN CANADA. ONCE THESE
STUDIES HAVE BEEN COMPLETED, AND WE HAVE A FIARLY TIGHT
RDTIMETABLE TO GET THEM COMPLETED IN A HURRY, WE WILL
DECIDE ON THE NEXT STEP, AS TO WHETHER SOME KIND OF
FURTHER JOINT STEP IS NECESSARY. I CAN SSURE THE HON.
MEMBER IT IS BEING EXAMINED AT THE PRESENT TIME."
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